

NICHD CE Program Announcement

NICHD Offers Nurses For-credit Course on SIDS Risk Reduction

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is one of the leading causes of infant death in the United States. Even though there's no known way to prevent SIDS completely, there are actions parents and caregivers can take to significantly reduce their babies' risk for SIDS.

Nurses play a critical role in communicating SIDS risk-reduction techniques, especially in hospital settings. To ensure that nurses have the most current and accurate information to communicate risk factors and answer parents' questions, the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) has created a *Continuing Education Program on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Risk Reduction*.

The program is currently available free of charge. Nurses who successfully complete the course will earn 1.1 contact hours of continuing education credit from the Maryland Nurses Association, which is accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center Commission on Accreditation as a continuing education provider.

Nurses can visit <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/sidsnursesce/> to download the online CE program or call 1-800-505-CRIB (2742) to order a printed version.